CLAIMS

1. A multi-component liquid explosive comprising:

(a) aluminum powder containing stearic acid; and

(b) nitromethane.

2. The explosive of claim 1 in which said aluminum powder has an average particle size of 5 to 50 microns and a surface area of 0.5 to 2 square meters per cubic centimeter, and contains 0.1 to 5% stearic acid by weight.

3. The explosive of claim 1 in which said aluminum powder and said nitromethane are mixed in the ratio of about 1 to 1.2 ounces of said aluminum powder to about 6 ounces of said nitromethane, by weight.

4. The explosive of claim 1 in which is included a reclosable vessel for containing said aluminum powder and said nitromethane.

5. The explosive of claim 4 in which said reclosable vessel includes a plastic bottle.

6. The explosive of claim 5 in which said plastic bottle has a screw-on closure.

7. The explosive of claim 4 in which said reclosable vessel includes a plastic bag.

8. The explosive of claim 7 in which said plastic bag has a zip-lock closure.

9. The explosive of claim 7 in which said plastic bag has a screw-on closure.

10. The explosive of claim 1 in which is included nitroethane.

11. The explosive of claim 1 in which is included a thickening agent.

12. The explosive of claim 11 in which said thickening agent includes polymethyl methacrylate.

13. The explosive of claim 11 in which said thickening agent includes amorphous fumed silica.

14. The explosive of claim 11 in which said thickening agent includes amorphous fumed silica and polymethyl methacrylate.

15. The explosive of claim 1 in which said explosive contains a minimum of 5 % by weight of said aluminum powder in relation to said nitromethane.

16. A method of making a multi-component liquid explosive comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a quantity of aluminum powder containing stearic acid;

(b) providing a quantity of nitromethane; and

(c) mixing a portion of said quantity of said aluminum powder with a portion of said quantity of said nitromethane.

17. The method of claim 16 in which said aluminum powder has an average particle size of 5 to 50 microns and a surface area of o.5 to 2 square meters per cubic centimeter, and contains 0.1 to 5% stearic acid by weight.

18. The method of claim 16 in which said aluminum powder and said nitromethane are mixed in the ratio of about 1 to 1.2 ounces of said aluminum powder to about 6 ounces of said nitromethane, by weight.

19. The method of claim 16 in which is included the step of providing a reclosable vessel for containing said aluminum powder and said nitromethane when mixed together.

20. The method of claim 16 in which is included the step of mixing nitroethane with said nitromethane.

21. The method of claim 16 in which is included the step of adding polymethyl methacrylate to said aluminum powder.

22. The method of claim 16 in which is included the step of adding amorphous fumed silica to said aluminum powder.

23. The method of claim 16 in which is included the steps of adding amorphous fumed silica and polymethyl methacrylate to said aluminum powder.

24. The method of claim 19 in which is included the steps of adding said aluminum powder to said vessel; pouring approximately half of the quantity of said nitromethane into said vessel; then agitating said vessel; then pouring the remainder of said nitromethane into said vessel; and then again agitating said vessel.